

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner first acknowledges applicants election of Group II claims 31-39 set forth in applicants response to the Restriction Requirement filed July 11, 2005. Thus, Claims 25-30 are being withdrawn from consideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 34 and 36-39 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,017,354 to Culp et al.

The Examiner further objected to Claim 35, but indicated that this claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner did indicate that Claim 31-33 presented allowable subject matter and the Examiner is respectfully thanked for such indication.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 34 and Claims 36-39, Claim 34 is being canceled and the subject matter thereof being incorporating in amended Claim 35 now re-cast in independent form. Amended Claim 35 incorporating the subject matter of base claim 34 (now canceled) is now in a form indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

In view of the cancellation of Claim 34, Claims 36 and 38 are being amended to properly depend from amended (now independent) Claim 35.

In light of the foregoing indication that Claim 35 presents allowable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow this claim and to allow claims 36-39 either directly or indirectly dependent upon amended Claim 35.

In view of the foregoing remarks herein, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with the Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney, at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

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